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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUBUMBASHI 0665

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TAGS: PINS, MOPS, CG

SUBJECT: SHABAN DEVELOPMENTS: JUNE 8, 1978

1. MILITARY SITUATION: NO HOSTILITIES REPORTED. ON
JUNE 7, 114 MOROCCANS ARRIVED, BRINGING TOTAL MOROCCAN
CONTINGENT IN SHABA TO 1414 TROOPS. TOTAL OF 131 LEGIONNAIRES
DEPARTED, LEAVING 218 FRENCH TROOPS IN SHABA. THE
SEVEN C-141 FLIGHTS WHICH ARRIVED WERE LOAFUD PRIMARILY
WITH TRUCKS AND OTHER VEHICLES. FRENCH LEGIONNAIRES ARE
TURNING OVER TO MOROCCANS 32 50 CAL MACHINE GUNS, 32 30
CAL MACHINE GUNS, 50 ANTI-TANK BAZOOKAS, 200 JEEPS, 70 UNIMOGS
AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF 2-1/2 TON TRUCKS

2. KOLWEZI. THE ZAIRIAN HEAD OF THE RED CROSS TEAM AT
KOLWEZI STOPPING OVER IN LUBUMBASHI ON UINE 7 ENROUTE TO
KINSHASA, NOTED THAT FOOD SUPPLIES IN KOLWEZI WERE GETTING
VERY SHORT. HE SPOKE OF A HIGH INCIDENCE OF ANEMIA AMONG
KOLWEZI'S CHILDREN. THE RED CROSS HE SAID HAD NO FURTHER
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FOOD SUPPLIES TO DELIVER. HE ADDED THAT IF THE FRENCH
TROOPS DEPART KOLWEZI BEFORE THE MOROCCANS ARE IN PLACE,
THAT MOST OF THE TOWNS ZAIRIAN RESIDENTS WILL FLEE
INTO THE BUSH. HE SAID THAT ZAIRIANS WOULD NOT EVEN
GO OUT OF THEIR HOMES TO SEEK MEDICAL TREATMENT BECAUSE
THEY WERE AFRAID OF FRENCH HARASSMENT AND EXTORTION.

3. OTHER SHABAN TOWNS. SITUATION REMAINS CALM. SECURED BY SMALL UNITS OF BELGIANS AT ALL THE MINING TOWNS THERE IS NOT WORD YET ON DEPLOYMENT OF MOROCCANS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PAN AFRICAN FORCE. GECAMINES OFFICIALS ON JUNE 7, STATED THAT MOROCCANS SEEMED PREPARED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE MINING COMPANY TO PROVIDE SECURITY IN ALL MINING TOWNS.

4. PRESIDENT MOBUTU DEPARTED SHABA WITHOUT GREAT FANFARE ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 7.

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